Meet Your Fellow Students:  

**Featured Student:**  Blake Mueller  

**Year in School:** Senior  
**Hometown:** Villa Hills, KY  
**Track in the Program:** Information Management  

*Why Blake chose BSHSA:* As a Veteran, he would like to work for VA. In doing so, he believes he can give back to a program that has helped him immeasurably! Who better to work for VA than a fellow Veteran!?  

*Interesting Tidbit:* He is a former Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, with over 50 jumps to his credit!  

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**GET INVOLVED**

**Events:**

Visit to **Brookwood Retirement Community**, sponsored by the Health Services Club:  
This is a great event if you are interested in the long-term care track, or want to learn more about long-term care!! The Health Services Club is taking a trip to Professor Wellinghoff's long-term care facility, Brookwood. This will include a tour of the facility-assisted living, independent living, rehab unit, as well as the skilled nursing unit. You will also get the opportunity to hear from other professionals who work in his marketing, HR, and dietary department, as well as Professor Wellinghoff himself. Details of the event:

- Tuesday, January 22  
- Leave campus at 4:30pm, back by 6:30 or 7pm  
- Carpool rides  
- Interested? Email Stephanie Young at youngs5@xavier.edu

**Volunteer/Internship/Getting Involved:**

Every Child Succeeds (Cincinnati Children’s Hospital):  
Every Child Succeeds is going to be looking for volunteers to help with children while their parents attend educational sessions at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. This would involve working with kids by doing some educational programming with them. This program is a part of Children’s, so it is a nice way to get involved with an internationally renowned healthcare organization! Details will be forthcoming, but wanted to give you all a heads up.
Summer Internships:
Please let Dr. Browne know about your summer plans (if you are planning to have one, if you are planning to take classes, etc.). This will help in knowing what types of help students need for their summers! Just email at brownef@xavier.edu.

HSA “Student Connections” Program:
Have you touched base with your mentor since you returned for Spring semester? If not, make sure you reach out to them.

New BSHSA students: Would you like a mentor? We have a mentoring program ("Student Connections") where MHSA students serve as mentors for BSHSA students. Your mentor can help with things like: learning about the profession of health administration, learning about graduate school in health services, professional advice, help with networking, and those questions you’d prefer not to ask faculty! Interested? Email Dr. Browne at brownef@xavier.edu to inquire further!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Internship? Should I Find One?
Even if you are not completing your HESA 371 internship this summer, have you considered looking for an internship in healthcare? If you haven’t, do! Internships do not have to be full-time, and they come in all shapes and sizes. Here are some things you might not know about internships:

- 85-90% of internships get created for students through networking! You don’t have to find a posted internship.
- Many internships get created via contacts related to a student’s personal network (i.e. family and friends). They are invested in you!
- Internships are rated by many employers as “more important” or “as important” as a student’s degree field. They show that you can do the work of your profession.

Want an internship but not sure where to start? Here are a few suggestions:

- Dust off or create your resume. Career Services can help. They are in 530 CLC, and they have resume walk-in hours daily. Just go to www.xavier.edu/career for details about their resume services.
- Network, and start at home. If you want to do an internship in healthcare, tell your parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, close family friends… You’ll be surprised by who they know, or who their friends know.
- Talk to your BSHSA Advisor. They can help you with strategy, networking, etc.
- When talking with potential employers, don’t ask if they have any internships. Ask if they are interested in having an intern! Remember, internships often get created for you!
- Start now. Don’t wait until it is almost summer, give organizations time to get something set up for you.
- Don’t worry if you don’t know exactly what you want. Have a few ideas, but remember, internships are often about figuring out what you want to do (or don’t want to do).